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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A personal information system, comprising:

- a subscriber computer with an optical disk drive;
- a portable optical disk readable by the optical disk drive;
- a database management server comprising:
 - a database including a plurality of fields of personal data relating to a patient and
 - an optical disk writer wherein the optical disk writer writes a patient record that includes selected fields of the personal data to the portable optical disk, said selected fields of the personal data being viewable and downloadable by the subscriber computer, and wherein said selected fields of personal data are chosen by the patient from the plurality of fields of personal data; and
- a subscriber interface comprising an Internet web browser wherein the Internet browser interacts with the subscriber computer so as to allow viewing of the patient record personal data on the portable optical disk and wherein the Internet browser interacts with the database management server so as to allow updating, by the patient, of the personal data stored on the database management server.

Claim 2 (cancelled).

Claim 3 (original): The system as defined in Claim 1, wherein the personal data is transferred between the subscriber computer and the database management server in an HIPAA-compliant mode.

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Claim 4 (original): The system as defined in Claim 1, wherein the transfer of personal data between the subscriber computer and the database management server can be initiated by either the subscriber computer or the database management server said data transfer occurring either in a real-time mode or a batch mode.

Claim 5 (original): The system as defined in Claim 1, wherein the personal data comprises text, image, audio, and video data.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A method of maintaining personal data relating to a patient, the method comprising:

entering personal data into a database management server having an optical disk writer wherein the personal data is stored in the database management server in a uniformly accessible manner and wherein the personal data residing on the database management server can be updated by the patient using an Internet web browser interface and wherein the personal data is organized into a plurality of fields;

~~writing the personal data a patient record~~ onto a portable optical disk via the optical disk writer wherein the portable optical disk is readable from an optical disk drive using the Internet web browser interface, and wherein the patient record includes selected fields of the personal data that are chosen by the patient from the plurality of fields; and

delivering the portable optical disk to the patient.

Claim 7-8 (cancelled).

Claim 9 (original): The method as defined in Claim 6, wherein entering, writing, and updating the personal data are in an HIPAA-compliant mode.

Claim 10 (original): The method as defined in Claim 6, further comprising using the portable optical disk at any healthcare service center to prevent repetitious registration process at different healthcare service center sites.

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Claim 11 (original): The method as defined in Claim 6, wherein the portable optical disk is created at the health care service center site.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A system for maintaining personal data relating to a patient, the system comprising:

entering means for entering personal data into a patient record, the personal data being organized into a plurality of fields;

storing means for storing selected fields of the personal data in a uniformly accessible manner on an optical disk, wherein the selected fields of personal data are selected by the patient;

accessing means for accessing the ~~stored~~-personal data stored on the optical disk, wherein the accessing means comprises a PC with an optical disk drive and an Internet web browser that interacts with the storing means so as to allow viewing of the stored selected fields of personal data;

transferring means for transferring the ~~stored~~-selected fields of personal data between the entering means and the storing means in a secure mode; and

updating means for updating the ~~stored personal data~~-patient record wherein the updating means comprises a database management server that interacts with the Internet web browser so as to allow updating of the stored ~~personal data~~-patient record by the patient.

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Claim 13 (currently amended): A portable optical disk comprising personal data relating to a patient and generic data relating to a healthcare facility, wherein:

the personal data is stored in a uniformly accessible manner and comprises demographics, medical data, living will, power of attorney, and conditions of admission in formats including text, images, audio, and video;

the generic data is stored in a uniformly accessible manner and comprises physician information, healthcare facility information, and an Internet hyperlink;

the portable optical disk is readable from an optical disk drive using an Internet web browser interface; and

said personal data is updateable by the patient using the Internet web browser.

Claim 14 (currently amended): A personal data management system comprising:

a portable optical disk comprising:

personal data stored in a uniformly accessible manner wherein the personal data includes demographics, medical data, living will, power of attorney, and conditions of admissions relating to a patient in formats including text, images, audio, and video, and generic data stored in a uniformly accessible manner wherein the generic data includes physician information, healthcare facility information, and an Internet hyperlink, and wherein

the portable optical disk is readable from an optical disk drive using an Internet web browser; and

a database management server comprising an optical disk writer and a database wherein the database comprises the personal data to be written to the portable optical disk using the optical disk writer and wherein the personal data stored on the database management server is updateable by the patient via the Internet web browser.

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Claim 15 (new): The personal data management system of Claim 14, wherein the personal data to be written to the portable optical disk is selectable by the patient.

Claim 16 (new): The personal data management system of Claim 14, wherein the healthcare facility information includes telephone contact information.

Claim 17 (new): The personal information system of Claim 1, wherein the optical disk writer is further configured to write generic data to the optical disk, wherein the generic data includes physician information, healthcare facility information, and an Internet hyperlink.